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1. SURVEY OF SILOS AND ADJACENT PIERS ON MORNING OF 20 JULY SHOW LESS TRUCKING ACTIVITY AT MOST PIERS, BUT WITHOUT NOTICEABLE INCREASE OF BACKLOG IN WAITING GRAIN SHIPMENTS. THIS DUE PRIMARILY TO TYPE OF SHIPS PRESENTLY UNLOADING AND TYPE OF CARGO. WE DO NOT INTEND CONTINUE DAILY SITREPS UNLESS MAJOR GRAIN-HANDLING PROBLEMS ARISE AGAIN.

2. HOWEVER, WE DO WISH PUT ON RECORD ONE NEWLY DISCOVERED ASPECT OF GRAIN TRANSPORT PROBLEM. WE LEARN FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES THAT PRIVATE TRUCK OWNERS ARE BEING URGED ASSIST IN REMOVAL OF GRAIN FROM DOCKS, IN ABSENCE SUFFICIENT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OWNED OR CHARTERED TRUCKS. BUT PRIVATE TRUCKERS ON ARRIVAL AT PORT MUST PAY TWENTY POUNDS (FORTY DOLLARS) "ENTRANCE FEE". TO RECOUP THIS EXPENSE, TRUCKERS ARE GROSSLY OVERLOADING THEIR VEHICLES (EVEN BY FRIGHTENINGLY LAX LOCAL STANDARDS). SO ENTERPRISING PORT CLERKS ARE NOW DEMANDING FROM EXITING TRUCKS "OVERLOAD FEES".

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3. ONE OTHER ELEMENT OF "GRAIN MOUNTAIN" PROBLEM IS HIGHLIGHTED NOT ONLY BY ARRIVAL IN LAST FEW DAYS OF AN ESTIMATED 50,000 TONS OF GRAIN FROM CANADA (REFTEL), BUT SS RIMBA SEPETIR, MALAYSIAN FLAG, ARRIVED 18 JULY WITH 33,000 TONS OF AUSTRALIAN GRAIN. SINCE PROGRAMMED 1.7 MILLION TONS US GRAIN AVERAGES ALMOST 5,000 TONS PER DAY THIS FISCAL YEAR, ALLEGEDLY MAXIMUM MINTRANSPORT

CAN MOVE FROM PIERS DAILY, WE CAN SEE WHERE OVERLOAD COULD BUILD
UP HOWEVER CAREFULLY WE SCHEDULE PL-480 IMPORTS.
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